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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE GRUMMAN SALE OF HYDROFOILS

REF: CARACAS 11923 (NOTAL) DTG 181319Z NOV 75

1. ADM. (RET.) ROBERT TOWNSEND AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF GRUMMAN INTERNATIONAL CALLED ON SEVERAL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TWICE IN OCTOBER TO INDICATE GRUMMAN'S CONTINUING DESIRE TO SELL THE A-6E INTRUDER ATTACK AIRCRAFT AS WELL AS HYDROFOIL VESSELS TO BRAZIL, COLOMBIA, AND VENEZUELA. THEY WERE TOLD AT THAT TIME (AND ON VARIOUS PRIOR OCCASIONS) THAT REGIONAL POLICY BARRED THE SALE IN LATIN AMERICA OF ATTACK AIRCRAFT SUCH AS THE A-6 BUT THAT THERE WERE NO RPT NO POLICY RESTRICTIONS ON SALE OF HYDROFOILS.

2. ACCORDING TO GRUMMAN, THEIR HYDROFOIL IS 70 FEET IN
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LENGTH, WEIGHS 80 TONS, AND IS CAPABLE OF SPEEDS UP TO

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52 KNOTS IN HEAVY SEAS. THE VESSEL IS PRICED IN THE RANGE OF DOLS. 6.0 MILLION EACH. NO RPT NO FIRM COMMITMENTS HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN MADE BY ANY OF THE THREE COUNTRIES IN QUESTION. THE OFFICE OF MUNITIONS CONTROL (PM/MC) ADVISES THAT GRUMMAN REPRESENTATIVES WERE TOLD THAT NO RPT NO EXPORT LICENSE WAS REQUIRED PROVIDED NO TECHNICAL DATA AS DEFINED IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC AND ARMS REGULATIONS WAS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE GOV. GRUMMAN HAS NOT MADE APPLICATION FOR EXPORT LICENSE FOR TECHNICAL DATA NOR FOR EXPORT OF HYDROFOILS. KISSINGER

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